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Sir:

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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-75219, published March 14, 2000 together with an English language abstract;
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3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 60-232523, published November 19, 1985 together with an English language abstract;
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-204684, published July 31, 2001 together with an English language abstract;
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6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-171725, published June 23, 2000 together with an English language abstract.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references.

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Respectfully submitted,



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